

## REMARKS

Claims 14-22 and 24-30 are pending in the present application. Claims 14, 24 and 25 were amended in this response. New claims 29 and 30 were added in this response. Claim 23 was canceled, without prejudice. No new matter has been introduced as a result of the amendments.

Claims 16 and 22-26 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 14, 15, 17, 18, 21 and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Jenson et al.* (US Patent 4,973,969) in view of *Barlow et al.* (US Patent 5,654,793).

Claim 19 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Jenson et al.* (US Patent 4,973,969) in view of *Barlow et al.* (US Patent 5,654,793) and further in view of *Cuzin et al.* (US Patent 4,933,634).

Claim 20 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Jenson et al.* (US Patent 4,973,969) in view of *Barlow et al.* (US Patent 5,654,793), and further in view of *Saxe et al.* (US Patent 5,144,525).

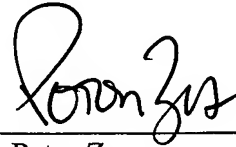
Claim 28 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Jenson et al.* (US Patent 4,973,969) in view of *Barlow et al.* (US Patent 5,654,793) and further in view of *Sevenhans et al.* (US Patent 5,528,637). Applicants traverse these rejection. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim 14 was presently amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 23, and is also supported in the specification, for example, on page 7 of the amended specification. Claim 29 contains the allowable subject matter identified in previous claim 22. Claim 30 contains the allowable subject matter identified in previous claim 25. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claims 14-22 and 24-30 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If any fees are due in connection with this application as a whole, the office is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No.: 02-1818. If such a deduction is made, please indicate the Attorney Docket Number (0112740-387) on the account statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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